

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
APACHE COUNTY (CV6147)
MARICOPA COUNTY (W1 through W4, consolidated)

January 23, 2024

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SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

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Deputy

FILED: January 29, 2024

Case No. W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-4 (Consolidated)

In Re: The General Adjudication
of All Rights to Use Water in the
Gila River System and Source

Case No. CV6417

In re: the General Adjudication
of All Rights to Use Water in the
Little Colorado River System and Source

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 613 – East Court Building

9:09 a.m. This is the time set for Oral Argument regarding Hydrographic Survey Report (“HSR”) sequencing before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following attorneys appear in person:

- Carrie Brennan on behalf of the Arizona State Land Department
- Kimberly Parks and Karen Nielsen on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Bradley Pew on behalf of on behalf of American Smelting and Refining Company (“ASARCO”) and Freeport Minerals Corporation
- Lee Storey on behalf of Baca Float LLC and the City of Flagstaff
- Michael Pearce on behalf of Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District
- John Lemaster on behalf of the City of Chandler

- Charles Cahoy on behalf of the City of Phoenix
- Michael Rolland on behalf of the Cities of Avondale, Glendale, Scottsdale, Mesa and Tempe
- Merrill Godfrey on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (“GRIC”)
- Brian Heiserman on behalf of the LCR Coalition (“LCRC”), Gila Valley Irrigation District, Franklin Irrigation District, City of Cottonwood and other individual claimants in each of the adjudications
- Katya Lancero observing on behalf of Navajo Nation
- Mark McGinnis on behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Joe Sparks and Laurel Herrmann on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe; Alex Ritchie Attorney General for the San Carlos Apache Tribe is present to observe
- Mark Widerschein, David Gehlert and Vanessa Boyd Willard on behalf of the United States
- Sue Montgomery on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation (and observing on behalf of Pascua Yaqui Tribe)
- Phillip Londen on behalf of the Hopi Tribe
- Carla Consoli on behalf of the Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy
- John Burnside on behalf of the Roosevelt Water Conservation and Drainage District

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

The Court addresses the parties.

Ms. Brennan addresses the Court.

Mr. Pew addresses the Court.

Ms. Storey addresses the Court.

Mr. Pearce addresses the Court.

Mr. Lemaster addresses the Court.

Mr. Cahoy addresses the Court.

Mr. Rolland addresses the Court.

Mr. Heiserman addresses the Court.

The Navajo Nation does not have further comments beyond its written response.

10:21 a.m. The Court stands in recess.

10:38 a.m. The Court reconvenes with the above-named parties present.

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Mr. McGinnis addresses the Court.

Mr. Sparks addresses the Court.

Mr. Widerschein addresses the Court.

The Yavapai Apache Nation joins in the United States and does not have further comments beyond its filings.

The Gila River Community does not take a position on the Court's three questions and their position is in its filings.

Ms. Parks addresses the Court.

The Court further addresses the parties.

IT IS ORDERED taking this matter under advisement. The Court will confer with Judge Blaney and will issue its decision by Minute Entry.

12:03 p.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this minute entry is provided to all parties on the Court approved mailing list.